

Join us for Research Week at MEDVAMC!

Every year we look forward to VA Research Week as a time to highlight our exceptional researchers and the incredible work they do here at the MEDVAMC to improve the lives of Veterans.

Monday, May 16th: Plenary Session

Attend virtually via Zoom (meeting ID: 955 6924 1526, passcode: 282510) or in person at Hilton Garden Inn Houston Medical Center.

11:00 am to 11:10 am



WELCOME Laura A. Petersen, MD, MPH Associate Chief of Staff for Research, MEDVAMC

11:10 am to 11:15 am



LEADERSHIP ADDRESS Francisco Vazquez, MBA Medical Center Director, MEDVAMC

Department of Veterans Affairs

11:15 am to 11:45 am



KEYNOTE SPEAKER Wendy Tenhula, PhD Deputy Chief Research and Development Officer, U.S.

11:50 am to 12:05 pm



GUEST SPEAKER Mary Dickinson, PhD

Senior Vice President and Dean of Research, Baylor College of Medicine

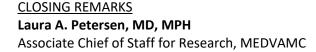
12:10 pm to 12:25 pm



GUEST SPEAKER

Andrew Chou, MD Associate Chief, Infection Prevention and Control, MEDVAMC; Assistant Professor of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine

12:25 pm to 12:30 pm





Scan the QR code to join the Plenary Session!

Wednesday, May 18th: Veteran Engagement Panel

Attend <u>virtually via Zoom</u> (<u>meeting ID: 915 5983 8831, passcode: 704812</u>) or in person at Hilton Garden Inn Houston Medical Center.

Drew Helmer, MD, Vlad Sandulache, MD, PhD, and **Christopher Verrico, PhD,** will host a Veteran Engagement Panel to discuss the Veteran, Clinician, and Researcher's perspectives on research at MEDVAMC.

A survey was conducted in the VA clinics asking Veterans which research topics they are interested in, why they want to participate, how they would like to learn about research opportunities at this VA. The survey data will be used to prime the discussion.

Moderated by Juan Carlos Ramirez, MS.



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11:00 am to	OPENING REMARKS
11:05 am	Mr. Juan-Carlos Ramirez

11:25 am	Dr. Drew Helmer
11:05 am to	MILITARY EXPOSURES: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

Deputy Director, Center for Innovations in Quality, Effectiveness and Safety

(IQuESt), MEDVAMC

Ray Love, MD

Physician Lead, OEF/OIF Clinic, MEDVAMC

11:25 am to	VETERAN CANCER CARE & PRECISION ONCOLOGY
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11:50 am **Dr. Vlad Sandulache**

Chief, Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Section, MEDVAMC

12:00 pm to
12:25 pm

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE

Dr. Christopher Verrico

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Baylor College of Medicine

12:25 pm to 1:00 pm AUDIENCE Q&A Open Discussion

Friday, May 20th: VA Research Week Symposium

Held **virtually** only on Friday, May 20th from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Registration required to attend.

In observance of National VA Research Week, **VA's Office of Research and Development** is hosting a symposium to highlight the work of **four groundbreaking VA investigators**.

Each has been **recognized for outstanding research** that has advanced knowledge in their fields and improved the lives of Veterans and others.

- Dr. Leigh Hochberg, VA Providence Health Care System
- Dr. Louis Dell'Italia, Birmingham VA Health Care System
- Dr. Donna Washington, Greater Los Angeles Health Care System
- Dr. Robert Bonomo, Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center



Scan the QR code to *register* for the Research Symposium!